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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nowak et al.
Serial No.: 10/644,271
For: A BALL VALVE
Filed: August 20, 2003
Examiner: Tuan N. Nguyen
Art Unit: 3751
Confirmation No.: 5167
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 175.7903USU

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an amendment in response to the final Office Action dated June 7, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	8	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$0		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

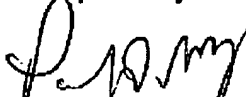
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

July 25, 2005



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 7, 2005, please amend the present application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.